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1. The old Kunovice Airfield was built for the use of the Avia aircraft plant at Kunovice (P51/T09), which is a branch of the main Avia plant at Letnany.
2. The old airfield has a grass surface and is 1,000 by 1,000 meters in size. A central workshop for testing aircraft of the Arado type was built here after World War II. In 1950, adaptations were started on the airfield and new factory buildings were built in the Petrikovec Woods.
3. Construction of a new airfield suitable for jet aircraft also began in 1950, the work being done by the Gottwaldov Plant of the Czechoslovak Construction Works (CSSZ). Progress was hindered by sandy subsoil, which was discovered only after they started to drain the area.
4. North of the airfield there are fields, and some 800 to 1,000 meters from the northern edge is a small river called the Olšava. In the east, the airfield is bordered by the railroad line between Kunovice and Veseli na Morave, which runs parallel with the highway. The western border is formed by the Petrikovec Woods. The field is 179 meters above sea level and is built on sandy alluvial soil of the Morava River. The prevailing winds vary from west to northwest.
5. There are to be two intersecting concrete runways, one running northwest-southeast and the second intersecting it in the middle and running northeast-southwest. It is estimated that the runways will be approximately 2,400 meters long. Taxiways have been constructed along the ends of the runways.
6. The field is 2,000 meters square and is surrounded by a wire fence as far as the Petrikovec Woods, where the new Avia factory is under construction.
7. The new airfield is to be used by the Avia plant for testing. The plant will manufacture complete MiG-15 aircraft. The old airfield, which adjoins the old Avia plant, is at the northeastern extremity of the new field and serves for test flights of Arado aircraft repaired in the old plant.

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8. The old airfield is guarded by the Works Militia, the new one by the SNB, who patrol around it, armed with sub-machine guns.
9. Access to the field is by means of a new road that runs along the southern edge of it and an overpass across the railroad line connecting the field with the new factory in the woods.

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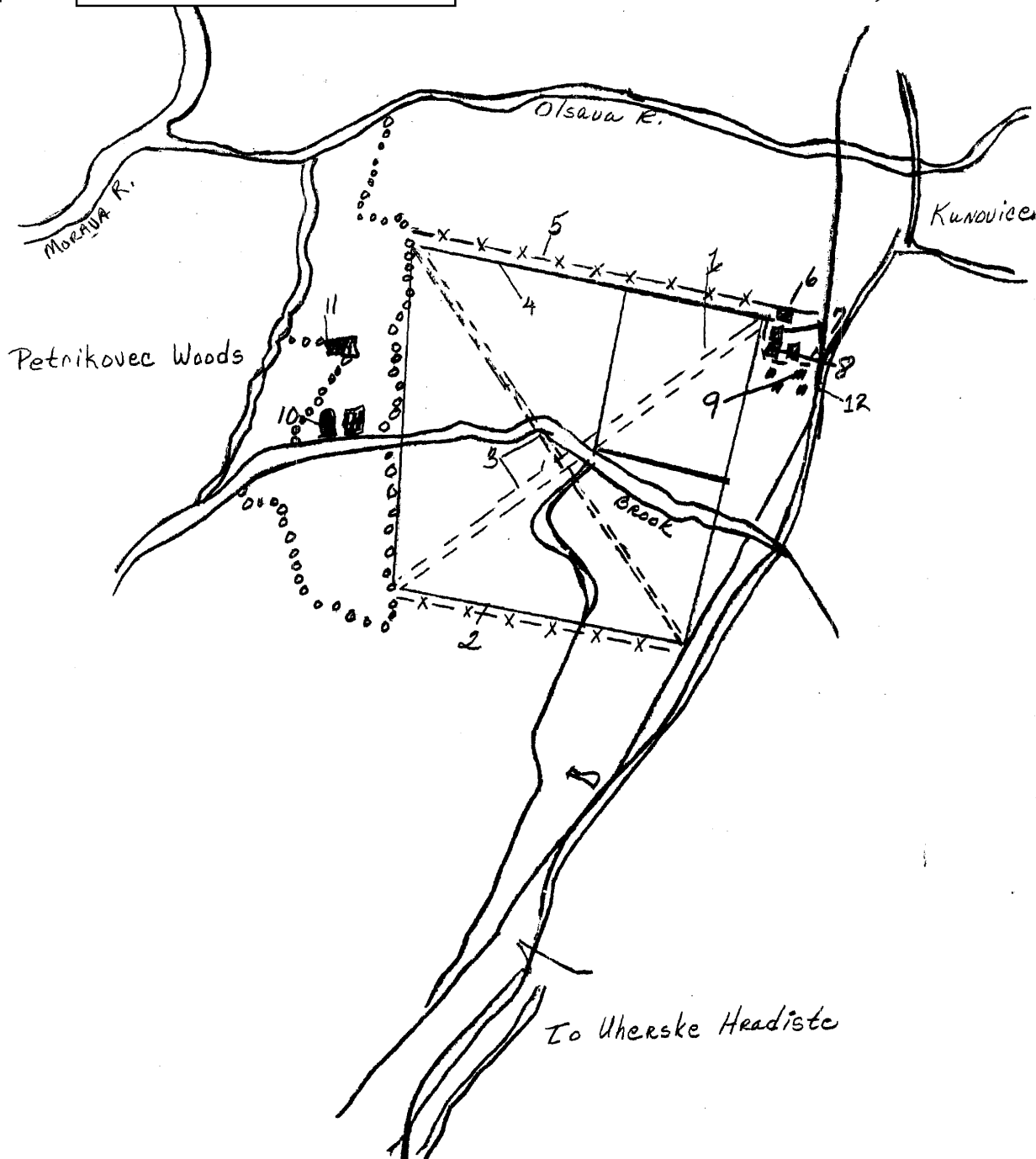
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| 1. Old airfield. | 7. Two factory halls. |
| 2. Connecting road. | 8. Two assembly halls. |
| 3. Runways. | 9. A number of small buildings. |
| 4. Taxi tracks and aprons. | 10. Two newly built halls. |
| 5. Wire fence. | 11. New hall. |
| 6. Old Avia plant. | 12. Railroad stop for the factory. |

Airfield at Kunovice

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